

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 14-10-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 20, 2014  
Commission Meeting: October 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 13, 2014

2. Alpine Pacific Utilities N2014.9.80 (Leroy)

On September 11, 2014, Alpine Pacific Utilities (APU) submitted its application for initial rates under the Simplified Regulatory Treatment Options for small water and sewer companies. APU elected to use the Standard Rate Tariff outlined in ARM 38.5.2528. APU is requesting to use the Standard Rates and Tariffs initial rates of \$50.00 per month for water service and \$30.00 per month for sewer service beginning January 1, 2015. APU is also requesting the Standard Ancillary Charges as established by the Commission. APU will serve 22 customers to start, 41 have purchased lots in the subdivision, and has a potential market of 104 at full build out in this subdivision. Probable Motion: Move to approve the application.

3. Thomas F. Kenneally TN2620 (Brenda)

The Estate of Thomas F. Kenneally, Butte, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 4448 to The McGree Corporation, Butte, Montana for the period, October 12, 2014 to October 12, 2015. Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 4448 as requested.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the town of Whitehall, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding eighty (80) miles in any direction from town. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.3.20 and D2014.3.30 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Natural Gas Universal System Benefits rate adjustment for 2013 and 2014 - Discuss and act on NorthWestern Energy's request to adjust its Universal System Benefits rate. (10/21/14)

2. T-14.23.DR – Bull Mountain Sanitation, LLC – Petition of Bull Mountain Sanitation, LLC for a Declaratory Ruling concerning exemption from Class D motor Carrier Certification Requirements – Discuss and act on Republic Services' Request for Deferral of Declaratory Ruling Pending District Court Ruling. (10/21/14)
3. D2014.4.43 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition of NorthWestern Energy for the Commission to set Terms and Conditions of Contract between NorthWestern Energy and Greenfield Wind, LLC – Discuss and act on Greenfield's objections to NorthWestern's data requests NWE-002, NWE-004, NWE-013(b), NWE-014, and NWE-015. (10/21/14)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2014.9.84 & D2014.9.85 (Scott)

On October 09, 2014, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on October 1, 2014. NWE has requested to defer implementing tariffs reflecting these tax decreases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2014.10.88 - Cable & Communications Corporation - Application of Cable & Communications Corporation for Approval of Name Change and Business Structure to Cable & Cellular Communications, LLC